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Letter To The Editor

Oakville, Rt. 3
Appomattox, Va. 24522
October 3, 1975

Mr. Ivan Henson
Regional Director
204 Fort Early Building
11 Oakridge Blvd.
Lynchburg, Va. 24501
Dear Mr. Henson:

The Appomattox County Board of Supervisors has from the start endorsed the Virginia Fibre decision to locate on the northern fringe near Appomattox County. At the very time that the state and nation were slipping into a recession, we felt that Virginia Fibre Company along with Thomasville Furniture Company as new industries would make available job opportunities in our area. Simultaneously with the start-up operations of Virginia Fibre the county of Appomattox experienced widespread odor problems originating from this plant.

As the Appomattox County Board of Supervisors will not meet before the hearing as of October 7 relative to this problem, as Supervisor of the Stonewall District of Appomattox County, I can not stress too strongly the concern and anxiety of my constituency over the strong odor produced by the operation of this plant. According to location, the Stonewall District is immediately across the James River from the plant on the northwestern side of the county.

As a member of the Appomattox County Board of Supervisors, I request that these problems be corrected as soon as possible. Sincerely yours,
Otho W. Martin, Jr.,
Supervisor, Stonewall District,
Appomattox County

TO THE EDITOR:
Dear Mr. Vaughn,

I would like to take this opportunity to express through your paper, my most sincere appreciation to all of those that helped in making the Bloodmobile a success.

I would like to express deep appreciation to the Junior Women's Club here in Appomattox, Virginia, along with Mrs. Lucy Harvey, the local radio station, W.T.T.X. and its manager Mr. Joe Cussac, the Appomatox Garment Factory, the local grocery stores, Thomasville Furniture Plant, and all of thosewho made public announcements in helping us reach our goal, especially in the matter of securing that blood which was short at the Blood Bank.

I would also like to express my appreciation to the employee's of the Times-Virginian, Mrs. Becky Hudson, and others, along with the Editor who have given us free publicity along the way in getting the news out concerning the Bloodmobile.

We have received a personal call from those in authority in Roanoke, Virginia, at the Blood Center, thanking us for a job well done.

May I close in saying that we appreciate the call and we have been careful to inform those in Roanoke, at the Blood Center, that the Thanks should go to all those people in Appomattox and surrounding counties that have donoted of their time, labors and yes, even their life blood to make this Bloodmobile a success.

Please express my deep appreciation to all of the Citizens and businessmen and tireless works.

Sincerely yours
Rev. Earnie W. Lucas
Bloodmobile Chairman

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The Pastor Speaks

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Every Christian must become convinced of their need to be filled with the Holy Spirit, just as they become convinced of their need to be born of the Spirit (ye must be born again). To be filled with the Holy Spirit is to be filled with Christ, because the Holy Spirit came to glorify Christ. (John 16:14)

It is the responsibility of every believer to follow Christ, and to abide in Him. Therefore, if a believer is filled with the Spirit, and walking in the light as He is in the light, the believer is abiding in Christ. It is a command of our Lord to be filled with the Spirit (Eph. 5:18).

There are many reasons why we need to be filled and empowered of the Holy Spirit. One good reason is to control self. Yes, we must have the Spirit's power; for only He can restrain the wrong energies and create the right drives within us so we can produce the "fruit" we call Christian character. Another good reason is to help us grow up. There can be no maturing apart from power of the Spirit of God, and apart from maturity there can be no proper showing of unity in Christ.

A very important reason why we need the power of the Holy Spirit of God is to overcome Satan, because there can be no victory apart from power. In this crooked and preverse generation we are to be "strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might" (Eph. 6:10). Satan is intelligent, deceitful, fearsome, mighty, and is our adversary. Sometimes, we Christians are weak and foolish, and we must keep filled with the Spirit to cope with Satan and his forces.

The last reason, I will mention, is that we need power to speak with authority. Most Christians will agree that few men and few churches today speak to the multitudes with Christian authority. Only the Spirit can enable us to "speak as the oracles of God", and only the Spirit can demonstrate Christ as the spiritual power needed by the world today.

May God's Christ be magnified.

Rev. Don Wagner, Pastor
Rocks Baptist Church
Route 1, Pamplin, Va.

The Sunday School Lesson

Comments by Herbert C. Bradshaw

Lesson For October 12

STRUGGLING WITH DOUBT
Scripture: Genesis 15-18:15

My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness. 2 Cor. 12:9

Abraham was 75 years old and childless, and his wife Sarah was 65, when God called him to leave home and kin and go "to the land that I will show you." With the call to this indefinite destination came the promise to make of Abraham a great nation. Abraham obeyed the call. Over the years, God renewed His promise to make of Abraham a great nation, but a child was not born.

It is not surprising that as the years passed, and no child was born, Abraham should have wondered about the fulfillment of the promise. It is natural that doubts should have arisen. Abraham and Sarah grew impatient, and Sarah gave Abraham her servant, Hagar, after the custom of the time and region, to bear him a child. A son Ishmael was born, but Ishmael was not the son of Promise. The son of promise was to be the son of the wife, not of the slave woman. Finally, when Abraham was 100 years old, a son was born to him and Sarah, Isaac, the child of promise. They had waited 25 years from the first promise for its fulfillment.

Abraham's experience over this long quarter-century of waiting and wondering and wandering shows very clearly that God's ways are not man's ways, and man does not always understand God's ways. Where a promise is involved, man is like a child waiting for Christmas, impatient for its fulfillment, unless a time table is given him.

Man's impatience is understandable. He knows how short time is for him. Consequently he feels it necessary to do as quickly as possible what is to be done. The hymn, "Work, for the night is coming," expresses this human sense of urgency. A sense of urgency explains why Abraham took the course which seemed to him the only way to accomplish God's purpose of giving him descendants. This sense of urgency explains, too why man finds it so difficult to wait upon God. Yet to wait upon God is a lesson man needs to learn, as Abraham did, and as others of the faithful have done.

As we read the account of Abraham, we see, too, that although the prevailing pattern of his life after his call was one of faith, he resorted to human trickery and deceit to save himself, as when he told both Paroah in Egypt and Abimelech of Gerar the half-truth that Sarah was his sister. (Sarah was Abraham's half-sister, the daughter of Terah, but not of Abraham's mother. it was not uncommon in ancient times for brothers and sisters to marry.) Instead of trusting God to take care of him, he undertook to take care of himself. In this way, in his relationship with Hagar, Abraham gave expression to doubt.

But an expression of doubt does not mean that one lacks faith. It is through doubt that faith triumphs. Doubt raises questions which faith answers and in the answering faith is strengthened. After Isaac was born, Abraham's faith was quickened and deepened. His experience of waiting long and having the promise realized is a lesson for all who read the account.

Another lesson we learn from Abraham's experience is that God's blessing is not always in terms of man's concept of blessing. True, Abraham was blessed in a material way with great wealth and considerable strength and power (thought not enough to make him feel always secure). He was blessed spiritually, a blessing man does not always consider such, though it is the richest blessing he receives. Abraham's long wait for a son was a blessing, for it taught him and all of us, as a short wait would not have done, the faithfulness of God.

Still another lesson we learn from Abraham is that nothing is impossible with God. When the promise of a son was made to Abraham and Sarah, when the mother was beyond the age of child-bearing, a remarkable faith would be convinced that God always keeps His word and should depend fully upon Him in every aspect of living.

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Mr. & Mrs. Roger Morris & family attended the Seay Reunion at Chesterfield Community Center Sunday.

Sunday supper guest of Mr. & Mrs. Kemper Beasley, Sr. were Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Repass of Appomattox.

Karen and Bonita Harris spent the week-end with their parents Mr. & Mrs. Joe L. Harris.

Sunday visitors of Mr. & Mrs. Tommy Trent of Dillwyn were Mrs. V. C. Proffitt and Ethel May, Mrs. Kemper Beasley, Sr., and Mrs. W. T. Cook.

Mrs. Ruth Beasley accompanied Mr. & Mrs. Odell Kirby to Lynchburg Sunday and were dinner guest of Mr. & Mrs. Fred Kirby.

Mrs. Bob Bryan and Mrs. W. T. Cook attended the fall planning meeting of Homemakers Club Thursday at Buckingham.

Mr. & Mrs. C. H. Morris were Sunday visitors of Mrs. Beulah Morris of Appomattox.

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